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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madame:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, this response to which is timely filed, please consider and enter the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.